

P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 221, *approved September 16, 2021*
Assembly, No. 5856 (*First Reprint*)

1 **AN ACT** concerning the Division of Veterans' Healthcare Services
2 in the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs and
3 amending P.L.1987, c.444.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. Section 31 of P.L.1987, c.444 (C.38A:3-2c) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 31. a. The Division of Veterans' **[Administrative]** ¹Healthcare¹
11 Services shall be under the immediate supervision of a director who
12 shall be ¹**[an honorably discharged veteran]**¹ qualified by training
13 and experience to direct the work of the division¹, and shall have
14 prior work experience in a clinical or long-term care facility
15 setting¹. The director shall be appointed by the Adjutant General,
16 with the approval of the Governor, and shall serve at the pleasure of
17 the Adjutant General.

18 As used in this subsection, "clinical" means directly pertaining to
19 the observation, diagnosis, treatment, or rehabilitation of an
20 individual in a hospital, long-term care facility, rehabilitation
21 center, or other similar facility and not through research; and

22 "long-term care facility" means a nursing home, assisted living
23 residence, comprehensive personal care home, residential health
24 care facility, or dementia care home licensed pursuant to P.L.1971,
25 c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.).

26 (cf: P.L.1987, c.444, s.31)

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28 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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33 Requires Director of Division of Veterans' Healthcare Services
34 in DMVA to have prior clinical and long-term care experience.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AMV committee amendments adopted June 14, 2021.